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<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION</u>

Sir:

This Amendment and Response to Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period for reply was October 1, 2004. Therefore, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 in the amount of \$215.00 for extending the period for response for a small entity to December 1, 2004. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed. Accordingly, this Response is being timely submitted. No other fees are believed due, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0540. In response to the Official Action mailed on July 1, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

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